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Recent information gives the stations of Soviet troops in Szombathely as below:

1. Cavalry Barracks. A Soviet armored regiment; two training classes. These barracks were completely renovated and two new tank garages built in the summer and fall of 1953.
2. Jókai Gasse and Fereny-Székely Gasse. Private houses in these streets are largely occupied by Soviets whose exact numbers are unknown.
3. Former National Boarding School. Occupied by Soviet motorized infantry in unknown strength.
4. Soviet City Command. The Soviet city command headquarters are in the former Keglevich public house in Belofanis utca.
5. Alkotmány utca. The Soviets have commandeered the houses at Nos. 4, 5 and 6. They are occupied by enlisted men in unknown numbers.
6. Bagolyvár (Eulenburg). The building is occupied by Soviet troops. An estimate of their number is impossible because of the strong guard maintained.
7. Gendarmerie Barracks. Here are located a Soviet command post, a workshop, and an underground fuel magazine. No troops are quartered here.
8. It is reported that since April 1954, Soviet units have been quartered in the motorized artillery barracks, the

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Faludy classical school, the Signal Corps Barracks, and the former Hungarian Army Corps Headquarters.

9. Soviet officers are living in the two-story house at Marcius 15 Place.
10. There are two-row tank garages 150 meters long on the Haladás sports field and in Ezredéves Park, filled with Soviet tanks.
11. There is a Soviet underground fuel depot in Söptei Street near the ÁVH barracks; it is under continuous guard.
12. The number of Soviet troops is estimated to be considerably less than formerly. There are indications that the city is being partly evacuated by the Soviets and that newly organized Hungarian troops are being transferred here. The report is spread about that a large Hungarian command will be quartered here.
13. There is a Hungarian command post in Thököly Gasse and a Hungarian officers' club at No. 4, Marcius 15 Platz. There are ÁVH troops and police formations in the barracks in Király and Kisfaludi Streets, which have been quartered together since Beria's death. The commandant is an ÁVH officer. Major [fny] Koltay, who formerly was the Vas county police commandant, is now only a chief of unit (Abteilung).
14. In the modern ÁVH Barracks in Söptei Street, built in 1952, a unit of the "Blue" ÁVH is quartered. These barracks are four-storied and have concrete cells for prisoners seven meters underground. These Blue ÁVH troops are entirely separate from the other ÁVH and the police. They hold daily exercises in close formation at the training grounds near the city.
15. The airfield at Szombathely has been extended in a northeasterly direction during the past year. [sic 1953?]. The ground was leveled but no concrete runway has been built. A command tower has been erected, and information is that the field is being enlarged for military use.
16. A number of the street names in Szombathely have been changed. Following is a list of the changes:

Former Pótlak	is now Köztársaság-tér (Place of the Republic)
" J. Szily Gasse	" Alkotmány utca
" Kőszegi Gasse	" Belojanis utca
" Kálmán Széll	" Stalin utca
" Szentmárton	" Tolbuchin utca
" Borsits B	" Engels utca
" Apponyi	" Daclos utca
" Szelenstei	" Lenin utca
" Faludy F.	" Petőfi utca
" Hollán E.	" Keresi Ákos utca
" Mátyás Király-tér	" Vorosilov-tér

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